

CLERGY APPEAL FOR EX-GERMANS

Issue Protest Against "Unjust Treatment of Loyal American Communities."

INDORSED BY W. H. TAFT

Free, However, That Teuton Language Be Forbidden in All Primary Schools.

A protest against what is termed "an unjust and un-American treatment of loyal American communities of foreign speaking citizens," especially in the case of German church congregations throughout the country, was made in a statement issued yesterday from the offices of the religious publicity service of the Federal Council of Churches of Christ in America.

Included in the statement is a letter on the subject from ex-President Taft and an extended presentation of conditions by the Committee of the General War Time Council, of the Churches, which is composed of the Rev. Dr. Robert E. Speer, chairman; the Rev. William Adams Brown and the Rev. Dr. Henry A. Atkinson. Instances are noted where, especially in the middle West, "clergy and priests, it is reported, have been forbidden to administer the sacrament," and one case where "a church was burned down, the women of the congregation with difficulty rescuing their service flag, which they then hung up over the smoking ruins."

Views of Mr. Taft.

The letter from Mr. Taft was written to the Rev. Dr. Atkinson and is as follows:

"I have your letter in respect to the German churches. That at present is a very serious difficulty, a difficulty which I think is enhanced by the measures directed to the forbidding of worship in German in German churches. This is ill advised. I strongly favor the exclusion of German from the public primary schools. I think the State Governments should require that general primary education should be given to children in English, and that they should supervise education in private, Lutheran or other parochial schools by a law forbidding general education in primary schools in any language but English.

"We should prepare the children of those who come from another country, speaking a language different from our own, to become American citizens, with a full understanding of the Constitution and laws of this country and of our free institutions. They cannot acquire such an understanding unless they know the English language. The furnishing of an opportunity to learn German in secondary schools, I think, should continue for those who need the language in the pursuit of their studies.

Homes Extreme Patriots.

"One of the difficulties in a situation like the present is that men by their extreme and unreasonable opinions seek to earn a reputation for patriotism that they don't deserve, and to put in the unpatriotic class men who are just as strongly American as they because they do not go the length of their hysterical proposals."

The General War Time Commission in its supplementary statement deprecates the indifference of German immigrants and others toward learning our language, but does not think that these groups have been among our most loyal citizens. The commission urges a "broad policy of Americanization, energetically carried out in order to bring the foreign born here into sympathetic relationship with American standards and institutions."

"We emphasize," the statement of the commission continues, "the necessity of the use of the English language throughout the country as the language of commerce, social intercourse and religious worship. The education in all schools in the United States should be in the English language."

NEED FOR WOODEN SHIPS.

Two Years of Building Needed to Offset Losses in War.

BALTIMORE, Me., Feb. 8.—While Maine shipyards and some yards in the South and on the Pacific coast have turned out in the last two years more wooden sailing vessels than in any like period since 1890, the aggregate of wooden and all built tonnage under the American flag is much less to-day than when the United States entered the war against Germany, and at the present rate of building it will require another two years to make good losses from war and other causes at least so far as the North Atlantic coast is concerned.

From the entrance of the United States into the war to the signing of the armistice, fifty-one sailing vessels, aggregating 4,417 tons, were sunk by submarines or mines or otherwise destroyed. In the period at least 40,000 tons of American wooden sailing shipping was sold for foreign account, and these boats, with fair allowance for losses, incurred a loss of at least 100,000 tons in the two years from the American sailing registry. To offset this Maine last year launched twenty-six schooners of 23,436 tons, and in 1917 there were sent overboard seventeen schooners of 7,281 tons, a total for the two years of 23,727 tons. While southern and Pacific yards have built a considerable number of sailing vessels in the last two years it is doubtful if they have turned out enough to make up 64,273 tons here indicated.

OIL BILL NEEDS SIGNATURES.

Senator Phelan Wires Delayed, but Resolution Is Delayed.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 8.—A resolution authorizing Senator Pittman (Nev.) to sign the name of Senator Phelan (Cal.) to a conference report on the oil bill, to expedite it, was introduced in the Senate to-day after Senator Phelan had given this authority by telegraph. Senator Smart (Cal.), who had refused to sign the report, objected to immediate consideration.

The bill already has been signed by the House members and by Senator Pittman and Senator Shafer (Col.). Senators Phelan and Fall (N. M.) are absent from the city. The report must be signed by a majority.

ANOTHER BIG DROP IN EGGS.

Prices Down to 37 1-2 Cents in the Chicago Market.

CHICAGO, Feb. 8.—The best grade of eggs, which a month ago were quoted at 60 cents a dozen, were quoted at 37 1-2 cents in South Water street to-day.

The egg market declined 6 to 6 1/2 cents to-day as compared with yesterday, due to heavy receipts.

No Indictments in Morgan Blast.

New Brunswick, N. J., Feb. 8.—Neither indictments nor a presentment will be returned by the Grand Jury as a result of its investigation into the destruction by explosion of the T. A. Gillespie Loading Company plant at Morristown, it was learned to-day. The last of five sessions was held yesterday.

'Y' HOSTESS HOUSE A CHEERFUL HOME

Children of Soldiers and War Widows Greeted at Opening.

NURSERY A FEATURE

Accommodations for Women Here to Meet Relatives Back From France.

Four little children with bobbed hair and big, solemn eyes knelt on a wicker bench in the great reception room on the first floor of the Y. M. C. A. hostess house at Forty-first street and Lexington avenue, and gazed wonderingly at the uniformed jazz band that was making music for the guests who thronged the place. Children of a dead soldier were they, and behind them stood their mothers, two Englishwomen about to depart with them for London. It was just one of the dozens of stories that might be told of this hostess house, which had its official opening yesterday; only everybody in the place is too busy working for the comfort of those who seek its haven to note the stories.

Though the official opening was yesterday, this house has harbored the mothers, sisters, wives and children of service men ever since December. All the time, however, workmen were busy there, and not till this week was everything shipshape enough for the housewarming. The building was a factory but a few months ago, and Miss Harriet M. McDonald, the director, says that no one seeing it now could imagine the scene of confusion it was when Miss Catherine Budd, the architect, took hold of it. Old lumber and broken bits of machinery littered the five floors, which now hold pleasant bedrooms, where the relatives of soldiers who have come to New York to meet their returning heroes sleep; pretty rest rooms, writing rooms, an eating room, sanitary kitchens and everything necessary for the comfort of the women guests and the soldiers who come there to see them.

All Comforts of Home.

The whole of the ground floor is a reception room, but a fireplace with brick chimney in the center breaks the space. Flags of the Allies and the Stars and Stripes wave above the fireplace—literally wave, for the logs are gas logs, and the draft from the flame makes them flutter continuously. The rear walls are lined with books, and all about are comfortable deep chairs and couches. The curtains and lamp shades and so on are in the Y. W. C. A. hut colors, orange and blue-green and gold. A piano, a victrola, plenty of games, music boxes and so forth provide materials for entertainment. There are cloak rooms for women and an emergency room for sudden illnesses on this floor.

Nursery a Feature.

On the third floor is a rest room for women and a nice nursery where mothers may leave their little ones with pleasant negro maids when they want a free hour for shopping or seeing the sights. The upper floors are for the rooms containing one, two and three beds, altogether enough to accommodate 100 women, and plenty of cribs that can be put up for the babies.

The place is called the Tebarakation Hostess House and is meant specially for women relatives whose men are just coming back and who come here to meet them.

Mrs. William Henry Hays is chairman of the local committee of management, and acted yesterday as chairman at the brief ceremony. Mrs. James S. Cushman, first vice-president of the Y. W. C. A., made the only speech, and in the course of it presented what she called "the hypothetical keys" of the house to Brig.-Gen. David C. Shanks of the port of debarkation, Hoboken, who the women said, had been of the greatest help in establishing this hostess house. Major John T. Axton made the opening prayer.

Miss McDonald, the hostess, is assisted in her work by Miss Judith Brooks, receiving hostess; Miss Alice MacKenzie and Miss Margaret Taylor, information hostesses; Miss Florence Dyer, night hostess; Miss Helen Reid, business hostess, and Miss Clara Robinson, cafeteria hostess.

GIRL STUDENT HELD AS THIEF.

Pleads Guilty to Stealing From Boston College Dormitory.

BOSTON, Feb. 8.—Miss Mabel Norris, 19, who gave up her education at a leather dealer in Little Rock, Ark., pleaded guilty to-day to three charges of larceny of money and jewelry from the Simmons College dormitory, the Stuart Club, a women's organization in the Fenway, and the Deaconess Hospital Nurses Home. To three other charges of a similar nature she pleaded not guilty. The case was continued to February 14 for a hearing and the girl was sent to jail in default of \$5,000 bond.

According to the police the girl is known also as Elizabeth Hughes. When officers visited her room last night they found jewelry and clothing valued at \$1,500, much of which has since been identified by young women students and nurses. She told the police she had been studying music and that her monthly allowance of \$85 from home had not been sufficient for her to dress suitably.

EVANGELINE'S HOME A PARK.

Canadian Pacific Railway Buys Place in Grand Pre, N. S.

MONTREAL, Feb. 8.—The home of Evangeline at Grand Pre, N. S., immortalized by Longfellow's poem of that name, has been purchased by the Canadian Pacific Railway and will be maintained as a public park.

A statue of Evangeline, which was being sculptured by Louis Philippe Hebert at the time of his death, will be completed by his son and placed in the park.

3 Ensigns Fall to Death in Plane.

PENSACOLA, Fla., Feb. 8.—Three naval fliers, Ensigns Duane Rutledge, Robins, La.; Dan Mingle, Tyronne, Fla.; and Ralph McCormack, East Boston, were killed last night when their hydroplane from the training station here fell 500 feet into the bay and was demolished.

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Of good weight, lace or ribbon trimmed,
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lace or ribbon trimmed, some combined with chiffon.
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11 inches, at \$4.50
13 inches, at \$5.75
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Bread and Butter Plates, 6 in. 1.15; 7 in. 1.35
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These are the desirable one-clasp styles, with Paris Point backs; assorted shades of grey

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